

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Ann Landers



'Wedding Gifts Belong to Bride ...'

Dear Ann Landers: We have searched the etiquette books and can't find the answer. The situation is so unusual, however, perhaps the answer can be found only in a psychiatrist's text book.

Miss X and Mr. Y were married in a beautiful church ceremony after months of planning. Six days later the bride returned to the home of her parents and announced that the marriage was finished. The groom is still honeymooning—by himself.

There is no chance of a reconciliation. The girl has made that clear.

What we want to know is this: Should the wedding gifts be returned? The couple also received some sizeable checks from relatives. Thank you for your guidance. —THE INQUIRERS

Dear In: Married people are not required to return wedding gifts. It matters not whether the marriage lasted five minutes or 50 years.

In our society the wedding gifts belong to the bride. If, for purely personal reasons, the bride wishes to return certain gifts which came from the groom's relatives she can do so, but it is up to her.

Consult a lawyer about the checks. In some states this could be considered community property.

Dear Ann Landers: I am a bartender in a busy little club. My wife works there, too. She is a receptionist.

Rosie loves to dance and she is good at it. It seems that whenever I look up she is on the dance floor with some gink. I've told her this looks cheap and I don't like it. She says it's good for business.

We have been married three months and can't get by without her check so please don't tell me she ought to quit her job and stay home.

Maybe I should tell you we met at this club and Rosie used to dance with the customers before we were married. I didn't mind then, but I do now. Thanks a lot for any help you can give me. —BIG RED

Dear Red: Rosie should stick to her receptionist duties. Giving up dancing with strangers is a small thing to ask in the interests of building a good marriage.

Dear Ann Landers: I have read your column for many years and agree wholeheartedly with most of your ideas. I would like to respectfully suggest, however, that you record one piece of advice which you frequently give.

To the husband or wife who has lived through the trials and tribulations of a triangular affair you often say: "Forgive and forget." I believe it should be, "Forgive and learn from it." It is not possible to forget, even after many years.

There is something to be gained from every experience, even though it may appear to be a total disaster. I had a bitter and heartbreaking experience which involved an unfaithful husband and a close friend. It motivated me to look inward and do some serious soul-searching. I came out of it a whole person—and a better one.

Of course I still remember, but I forgave—and I learned from it. —MRS. VA.

Dear VA: I agree that every experience can be a useful one if it teaches us something.

When I say "forget" I don't mean it literally. By "forgetting" I mean the incident should not be thrown into the teeth of the guilty person or used as a club with which to beat him over the head for the rest of his natural life.

Thank you for an excellent letter.

Ann Landers' frank and informative new book "Teen-Agers And Sex" (\$2.95), is now available at your book store.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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HATS, BADGES AND SIGNS . . . Junior Woman's Club will be there when the kick-off dinner for the building fund of the new Torrance YMCA is held on April 23 at STL cafeteria. Juniors have been busy with ribbon badges, signs and hats to be distributed to campaigners as they raise money for the club's major philanthropy, the Torrance YMCA. Shown with their campaign paraphernalia are, from left, Mmes. David Wade, fine arts chairman for the Junior club, Richard Rankin, standing, committee member, and A. W. Adams, Jr., chairman of the Public Relations Committee, YMCA Building Fund campaign. (Herald Photo)

Use Election Year Theme For Campaign

Junior Woman's Club Works For New Torrance YMCA

Fervor of election year has sparked the campaign for the building fund for a new Torrance YMCA. The Torrance Junior Woman's Club, which chose the YMCA as its major

philanthropy in 1963-64 and again voted it as its major endeavor for 1964-65, has chosen an election year theme for the kick-off dinner to be held Thursday, April

23, at 7 p.m. at the Space Technology Laboratories cafeteria, Aviation and Compton Blvds.

Juniors have made 23 signs, denoting all phases of the YMCA program, to be carried by campaigning representatives. More than 600 ribboned campaign badges, numerous table decorations and 150 bedecked hats are among the items the Juniors have completed.

In work directly connected with the Building Fund Campaign, the Juniors sold tickets for the premiere opening of a new Torrance theater with entire proceeds going to the fund.

The clubwomen have typed, stamped and stuffed 2,300 envelopes containing campaign literature and a committee of 10 women telephoned a list of names to form the 159-member Citizens Committee for the Torrance YMCA.

Fine Arts Committee of the Junior Club met with the YMCA Building Fund Public Relations group to plan the kick-off dinner.

The Junior Club has also contributed toward the expenses of delegates to the annual meeting of the Pacific Southwest Area Council of the YMCA held March 13 and 15.

Mrs. William Faulds, president of the club, reported that for the Navajo Drive in November and December, 200 pounds of food, clothing and toys were collected, two cases of canned milk and a check for \$25 for the expenses of delivering material to the reservation, were donated.

Prior to March 15, the Junior Woman's Club, affiliated with the CFWC, Marina District, donated a total of 1,545 hours to the Torrance YMCA.

Madrecitas Meeting Set

Members of Las Madrecitas, South Bay Auxiliary of the Crippled Children's Guild of Orthopaedic Hospital, will convene for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 2, 10 a.m. at the Palos Verdes Art Gallery. Among those attending on this day will be guests, who have been extended an invitation to become acquainted with the objectives and aims of Las Madrecitas. During the morning a film relating to the work of the Orthopaedic Hospital will be shown.

A note of festivity will follow the business session, when members and guests caravan to the lovely new hillside home of Mrs. David Levine, 2641 Colt Road, Palos Verdes Peninsula, for a luncheon planned by Mmes. Robert Friedson, Arnold Martin and Arthur L. Zygmont.



MRS. J. K. BURCHFIELD . . . To Direct Pilot Club (Herald Photo)

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SUSAN VICKREY . . . Accepts Ring

Daughter's Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Vickrey, 21023 Donora Ave., Torrance, announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan, to Larry Arrasmith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Arrasmith, 1304 Elm Ave., Torrance.

July 18 has been chosen as the wedding date.

The future bride was graduated from Washington High School in Los Angeles in June 1961. She attended Harbor Junior College and is now employed as a dental assistant in the South Bay area.

Mr. Arrasmith was graduated from Torrance High School and is now attending Long Beach State College. He is employed as an electrician apprentice with a Long Beach firm.

Rosemary DeCamp Is Guest Speaker

Rosemary DeCamp, wife of Judge John Shilder, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Southwest Manuscripts Club on Friday, April 17, at the Clark Stadium. Miss DeCamp's topic is "Don't Write a Book."



GREAT MASTERPIECES . . . Completing details for the second annual "Living with Art" show at Marymount College on April 10-12 are, from left, Mrs. Jack Drown, William Belding, Mrs. William Hebenstreit and Curt Wagner. The three-day event will be held in the Student-Faculty center on the Palos Verdes Campus.

Scheduled April 10-12

Art Exhibition At Marymount

Great masterpieces of art will serve as the focal point for eight individual room displays done by South Bay interior decor experts for the second annual "Living with Art" show on April 10-12 at Marymount College.

Chairman Curt Wagner reports that participating decorators will be California Home Furnishings of Peninsula Center; David Davis of Curt Wagner, Hollywood Riviera; Harold Grieve, F.A.I.D. of Hermosa Beach; and Roberta Griffin, A.I.D., Walteria.

Also Nadine Russell Interiors of Hermosa Beach; E. Maskell Salmon, A.I.D. of Kasden's La Tienda, Walteria; Louis de Haven Shaw, A.I.D.,

Hollywood Riviera, and Grace Taube, A.I.D., Portuguese Bend.

Assisting Wagner in planning the colorful three-day event to be staged in the Student-Faculty center on the Palos Verdes Estates campus are Mmes. Jack Drown, William Hebenstreit, Robert Lande, Charles Lindsay and Mr. William Belding.

An invitation premiere will be held on Friday evening, April 10 with an admission charge. Saturday and Sunday viewing hours will be from 1 to 5, for which there will be no admission charge.

Proceeds of the event will go to the college Fine Arts Building Fund.

Dianne Fisher Honored At Pre-Nuptial Shower

Miss Dianne Fisher, who will become the bride of Donald F. Derouin on April 4 at the St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Lomita, was honored at a beautiful Sunday afternoon party on March 15 given by Miss Sandy Derouin and Mrs. Marcel Derouin.

The Derouin home at 2218 W. 229th St. was decorated in a pink and white color theme carried out with miniature umbrellas and pink carnations on the fireplace mantle above which were entwined pink and white streamers.

Several appropriate games were played followed by the serving of refreshments, also in the party colors. The honoree was showered with personal and miscellaneous gifts. The guest list included high

school and other friends of the future bride.

They were Mmes. Mary Fisher, mother of the bride-elect; Francis Derouin, mother of the future bridegroom; Laurence Derouin, Gilbert Derouin, Louis Derouin, Gary Knuutila, Samuel Pedace, Richard Bates, Donald Beard, Paul Boren, Dale Rudolph, Michael Banker, Ken Griswald, James Hunter, Jack Lucy, David Mone, James Sweetey, and Hazel Ward.

Others were Misses Dolores Derouin, Catherine Derouin, Linda Fisher, Patty Fisher, Sandy Fisher, Donna Beard, Kathy Host, Barbara Guggiana, Sonja Swenson and Sandra Pfau. Unable to attend, but sending a gift, was Miss Sharon Van Os.

James L. Tuckers Feted On Golden Wedding Day

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Tucker, 1740 1/2 Arlington Ave., were honored guests at a surprise party on Sunday afternoon, March 15, celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary. The party was given by the couple's four daughters, Mrs. James Fitzgibbon, Mrs. J. W. Marley, Valerie Turner and Mrs. Nat Mondati, all of Torrance.

The Mondati home at 3125 Sonoma, scene of the party, was beautifully decorated in the gold and white theme. A three-tier wedding cake was ornamented with gold wedding bells and topped by a miniature bridal couple.

From 2 until 5 p.m., many friends and relatives of the honored guests called to congratulate them. They were

presented with many gifts and cards. A buffet luncheon was served from a decorated table in the patio.

Mr. and Mrs. Tucker were married March 15, 1914 in Gorman, Texas. They moved to New Mexico, then to Arizona, and came to Torrance in 1928.

After 15 years of service with the Torrance Street Department, Mr. Tucker retired in 1961. The family attends the First Christian Church here.

From Florida

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Burns of Rolling Hills were hosts at a seafood dinner party in the Marineland Restaurant, honoring their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stearns, who are visiting here from Vero Beach, Fla. The group also included Mrs. Lucille Stearns of Torrance.

Student Home

Miss Suzanne Melville, junior at Oregon State where she is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, is spending the Easter holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Melville, 1512 El Prado.



MR. MRS. JAMES L. TUCKER . . . Cut Anniversary Cake